GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:411
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ADMISSIONS IN PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any control on the various private educational Institutions and Engineering Colleges with regard to the allocation of seats under the Management quota;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some educational institutions run by private trusts and minority groups, particularly in Tamil Nadu are demanding enormous amount of money for admission to various courses in their institutions; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government to curb the commercialisation of education by these institutions?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENTREFERRED TO IN PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THEREPLYTO THELOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 411 FOR 21.8.2001 ASKED BYSHRI SUNDER LAL TIWARI AND SHRI P.D. ELANGOVAN REGARDING ADMISSIONS IN PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) notified regulationsfor admissions and fees in professional colleges, in May, 1994. As per the guidelines issued by AICTE, 50% of the seats in every professional collegeshall be earmarked as free seats and the remaining 50% seats shall be payment seats. The admission for both the payment and free seats are made on the basis of merit list prepared by the concerned State Government agencies. The regulations do not provide for any management quota. The tuition and other fees for professional colleges are determined by State level Committees. No professional institute is authorised to receive from the students any other payment or amount under whatever name it may be called, in addition to the fee fixed by the Committee for a free seat or a payment seat. Further, policy on fee fixation in private unaided educational institutions imparting higher and technical education including management education was notified in March, 1997, the bed-rock of which is avoidance of commercialisation and profit making while simultaneously ensuring maintenance of standards and upkeep of facilities and assets. Through the AICTE Act, the Government has empowered the Council to take necessary action in case a professional college contravenes any of the provisions. As and when reports are received by the Council regarding charging of capitation fee or commercialisation of education by the institutions, the Council directs the concerned State Governmento r the University to conduct a n independent inquiry, the recommendations of which are considered by the Council and appropriate directions are issued.